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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7540**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1815

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 6, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Diversity commissions at state universities.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Smith V

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill creates a diversity commission at each state educational institution to: (1) review and approve employment policies concerning diversity; (2) hear faculty and administration personnel complaints concerning diversity; and (3) make recommendations to promote and maintain cultural diversity among faculty members of state educational institutions. It requires the commission to submit a report to the Governor and Legislative Council annually.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill would establish a 17-member diversity commission at Indiana University, Purdue University, Indiana State University, Ball State University, Ivy Tech State College, University of Southern Indiana, and Vincennes University.

Each diversity commission consisting of 8 legislators, 4 faculty members, 2 alumni members, 2 members who represent organizations that promote cultural diversity, and the Governor or the Governor's designee. The members of the legislature are nonvoting members. Assuming per diem and traveling expenses of about \$200 per member and 12 meetings per year, the annual cost would be about \$40,800 per year per commission, or \$285,600 for all seven commissions.

The Department of Education provides staff for the seven commissions.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

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**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Education, Indiana University, Purdue University, Indiana State University, Ball State University, Ivy Tech State College, University of Southern Indiana, and Vincennes University.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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